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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Hans Gschwend et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/743,160  
FILED : December 22, 2003  
FOR : COMBUSTION-ENGINEED SETTING TOOL  
EXAMINER: Katrina B. Harris GROUP: 3747

Mail Stop: **AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, in which the Examiner rejects claims 1-4, 7 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicates the claims 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10-13 would become allowable upon having been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 5, 6, 8, and 9 has been duly noted. However, applicants believe that rewriting claims 5, 6, 8, and 9 in independent form is not necessary as they depend on an allowable claim.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: